



Instructions for Immigrant Visa Applicants

Lima, Peru

Birth certificates

All birth certificates (including those from Lima) must be either issued by, or certified by, the Peruvian national civil records registry ("RENIEC"). RENIEC offices issue original birth certificates for some areas in Lima; RENIEC offices throughout Peru can certify the authenticity of certificates from all other areas.

Unobtainable birth certificates

An ecclesiastical notary must certify all baptismal certificates.

Military Records

If you have previously served in the Peruvian military, you will need to present a "Certificado de Antecedents Judiciales y/o Penales" issued by the "Consejo Supremo de Justicia Militar" (CSJM). For more information, see www.csjm.mil.pe/certificado.htm.

Police certificates

Multiple police certificates are required for each visa applicant aged 16 years or older. The table below shows how many police certificates are required based on where each applicant lives and has lived previously. Present and former residents of the United States should NOT obtain any police certificates covering their residence in the U.S.

IF the applicant...	AND...	THEN the applicant needs ...
is living in their country of nationality at their current residence for more than 6 months	is 16 years old or older	two separate certificates: (1) a police certificate ("Certificado Policial") from the Peruvian National Police office where they live; and (2) a national record of prior sentences served ("Certificado de Antecedentes Penales"), provided by the Poder Judicial office at Av. Abancay in Lima.
	is 18 years old or older	three separate certificates -- numbers 1 and 2 above plus: (3) a national record of prior court appearances ("Antecedentes Judiciales a Nivel Nacional") which is available at the INPE Office located at Jr. Carabaya 456 in Lima.
lived in a different country for more than 12 months	was 16 years or older at that time	the police authorities of that locality.
was arrested for any reason, regardless of how long they lived there	was any age at that time	the police authorities of that locality.

The police certificate must:

- Cover the entire period of the applicant's residence in that area, and
- State what the appropriate police authorities records show concerning each applicant, including all arrests, the reason for the arrest(s), and the disposition of each case of which there is a record.

Note: Police certificates from certain countries are unavailable. More specific information is available from NVC or the nearest United States immigrant visa processing post, or online at:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/reciprocity/reciprocity_3272.html